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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AND THE FRG

REF: MUNICH 2185 AND PREVIOUS

1. CSU MESSENGER HAND-DELIVERED TO CONGEN SEPTEMBER 16 ENVELOPE CONTAINING SINGLE COPIES OF ANONYMOUS LETTER AND PURPORTED ENCLOSURE THEREFTO. LETTER, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO FREIHERR VON MAUCHENHEIM AND DATED FRANKFURT SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, URGES VON MAUCHENHEIM TO UTILIZE CONTENTS OF ENCLOSURE TO ASCERTAIN THRUTH ABOUT INVOLVEMENT OF STRAUSS IN LOCKHEED AFFAIR. ENCLOSURE, WHICH TEXT OF LETTER CHARACTERIZES AS A DOCUMENT FROM THE "PRIVATE PROPERTY" (PRIVATBESITZ) OF ALLEN W. DULLES, IS IDENTICAL TO ALLEGED DULES-STRAUSS LETTER OF NOVEMBER 5, 1958 (MUNICH 2130).

2. DR. KNITTEL TELEPHONED POLOFF SHORTLY AFTER MESSENGER'S DEPARTURE TO SAY THAT LETTER TO VON MAUCHENHEIM, TOGETHER WITH ENCLOSURE, WAS RECEIVED BY CSU SEPTEMBER 15. KNITTEL SAID THAT VON MAUCHENHEIM WORKS AT DETSCHEPRESSERAT IN BONN.

3. KNITTEL EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT BY NOW ALLEGED DULLES-STRAUSS LETTER WAS "ALL OVER BONN". FOR THIS REASON, KNITTEL SAID HE WAS "CONSIDERING MORE AND MORE THE IDEA OF PUBLISHING IT BY OURSELVES." PURPOSE OF CALL, SAID

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KINTTEL, WAS TO GIVE CONGEN "FULL INFORMATION REGARDING

THIS ANONYMOUS ACTION."

4. COMMENT: CONGEN BELIEVES CSU MAY WELL GO PUBLIC WITH STORY ABOUT "DULLES-STRAUSS LETTER." IF SO, USG STATEMENT (STATE 226570) WILL SURELY BE CITED IN SOME MANNER. WE ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE POSITION THAT USG STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND THAT CONGEN NOT RPT NOT AUTHOZIED TO SAY WHETHER CSU MAY CITE STATEMENT PUBLICLY. MEANWHILE, KNITTEL WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO PRESS US FOR ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR CSU TO USE STATEMENT IN PRESS RELEASE.

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